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DRAFTED BY NEA/ EGY: SSHANLEY: CFF

5/16/73 EXT 23003

APPROVED BY NEA: ALATHERTON

NEA/ EGY: MSTERNER

NEA/ IAI: HHSTACKHOUSE

D/ PW: FASIEVERTS

S/ S- O: KAKURZE

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

INFO USMISSION GENEVA

USINT CAIRO

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EXDIS

E. O. 11652: XGDS (3)

TAGS: PFOR, SREF, EG, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI POW FIRST LT. AVIDAN, DAN

REF: GENEVA 2092

1. EGYPTIAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR STERNER CALLED ISRAELI  
EMB COUNS RAVIV MAY 16. STERNER TOLD RAVIV WE HAD MADE  
DISCREET INQUIRIES ON STATUS SUBJECT POW. WE HAD IMPRES-  
SION THAT ICRC WORKING PRETTY HARD ON THE PROBLEM AND  
SOME HOPE FOR THEIR EVENTUAL SUCCESS. AFTER CONSULTATIONS  
WITHIN DEPARTMENT AND RECOGNIZING OUR CURRENT STANDING IN  
CAIRO WAS NOT RPT NOT OF THE BEST WE HAD DECIDED THAT TO  
RAISE STATUS OF POW WITH GOE WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.  
STERNER NOTED DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING MATTER ON HUMANI-  
TARIAN PLANE.

2. RAVIV NOTED THAT SINCE MAKING DEMARCHE ISRAELI EMBAS-  
SY HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM ICRC THAT THERE WAS SOME  
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CAUTIOUS REASON TO HOPE FOR RELEASE OF POW. HE SAID GOI  
WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE MATTER CLOSELY, HOPED THAT  
SOMETHING MIGHT BE ACHIEVED ON BEHALF POW AND EXPRESSED  
GRATITUDE FOR US DESIRE BE HELPFUL. RUSH

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